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18, Lemon Street,
TRURO,
Cornwall.

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Mr. Mayor and Citizens of Truro,

I have much pleasure in presenting an abbreviated Health Report on Truro City for 1946.

WATER SUPPLY: Carried by mains. Regularly examined, chemically and bacteriologically. It is quite adequate and of good quality.

SEWAGE: Whilst a considerable part of the city is on main drainage, there are considerable outlying areas not so served. There are a large number of cess pits in these areas, which at the request of the owners are emptied by a special cart. Many of these cess pits are faulty, and the position is very unsatisfactory, but plans are being drawn to remedy this as soon as possible.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE: There is now a County Isolation Hospital in Truro. Conditions for the treatment and isolation of notifiable infectious disease are now quite satisfactory. The M. O. H. Truro City is the Clinical Medical Officer to the Hospital.

NOTIFICATIONS 1946.

Diphtheria	4	Scarlet Fever	4
Pneumonia	3	Puperal Pyrexia	3
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	Erysipelas	1
Ophthalmia	1		
Tuberculosis - 9 lungs (males 5, females 4). Deaths due to Tuberculosis - 5.			

NURSES: There are three district nurses, one Queen's Nurse, and one Midwife working in Truro. All nurses do maternity work when required.

AMBULANCES: St. Johns for the Royal Cornwall Infirmary. Three ambulances at the County Isolation Hospital.

FACTORIES: None of any considerable size or note.

MATERNITY AND INFANT WELFARE CENTRE: There is a centre in Truro, which mothers and babies attend weekly. The Medical Officer is in attendance on alternate Thursdays of the month.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION: A clinic is held once a month for this purpose, and in addition mothers can bring children under five years of age to any doctor practising in the area for immunisation. All services are free, payment being made to the doctor concerned by the Truro City Council. Everything possible is being done to encourage immunisation, and on the whole the results are very satisfactory.

It is also pointed out to mothers at the time of immunisation that a further boost dose should be given in three years time.

Number of children immunised in 1946.

10 over five years of age; 112 under five years of age;
57 boost doses.

TOTAL DEATHS:

Males - 76; females - 106; Total - 182.

Death rate per 1,000 - 15.1.

Death rate per 1,000 for England and Wales - 11.5

Principle causes of death:-

Heart disease - 26; cancer - 16; tuberculosis lungs - 5.

TOTAL BIRTHS:

Males - 127; females - 108; total - 235. Included in these were 4 still births, and 19 illegitimate births.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age - 13.

Birth rate per 1,000 - 19.3

Birth rate for England and Wales - 19.1

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